



Port Stockton Sayings Bulletin



The monthly bulletin of Port Stockton Branch 46 of Sons In Retirement, a California non-profit corporation chartered July 23, 1974.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 16th

THURSDAY 12:00 NOON

BIG SIR GREETING MARCH - 2017

The month of March is loaded with interesting dates. Just check out the calendar provided in this edition. In particular, remember to set your clocks ahead on the 12th when Daylight Savings Time begins. And then there's March 20, the beginning of Spring. March 15, the Ides of March, is the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar which, in addition to several religious observances, is considered a turning point in the history of the Roman Empire.

Mike Ammann, our luncheon speaker, was one of the most interesting speakers we've had. Mike is President and CEO of the San Joaquin Partnership here in Stockton. The mission of the Partnership is to improve the economic picture in San Joaquin County and, in particular, bring in new business. Some of the most striking facts Mike provided was the number of people commuting daily to Silicon Valley from Stockton and the surrounding area. It is estimated that over 70,000 commuters make the 2.2-hour trip over the Altamont Pass each work day morning and evening. 7000 of these commuters take the Altamont Commuter Express train (ACE) between Stockton and San Jose.

Our current active membership is 98 which is considered low and, once again, if you participate in any of the branch activities such as bowling, golf, or bridge, these are excellent sources for new members. Invite one of your non-SIR friends in these groups to be a guest at one of our luncheons. Attendance at the February luncheon was 59% and, on this subject, we want to thank Dick Andersen for stepping up and taking on the duties of Attendance Chairman. Dick will be our

new "Badges in the Bucket" guy and is replacing Lee Talbott who is moving out of the area.

In January, our Couples Bridge activity had its semi-annual luncheon at UJs. Winners, scores and photos of the event are presented in this bulletin. Also, in February, the first Romeo outing of the year was held at the Tsing Tao restaurant and photos of that event are also included in the bulletin.

John Doisy - Big Sir 2017



NEW IN THIS EDITION

**March Birthdays and Anniversaries
Calendar with Important Dates
Photos and Scores from Couples Bridge
Romeo 1 photos
February Luncheon Happenings
Roster Correction
Read Website 101 (no test)**

SIR BOWLING

Come join us for bowling fun every Wednesday morning, 9:30 am, at Pacific Bowl. Experienced bowlers, beginners and anybody in between will have a great time. Women are welcome, too.

Call Ron Korock at 951-4759 for more information. Or ronkorock@comcast.net



Miss a Meeting?

When you know you will miss a luncheon meeting, please give our Attendance Chairman, Lee Talbott, a call (473-4159) or send him an e-mail: wltal@aol.com

Bring a Friend, Win a Prize

- When you bring a friend (prospective new member) to a Branch 46 lunch meeting, you will receive FREE five 50-50 tickets. Good luck! **ALSO**, if your friend happens to join, then you will receive a free lunch.



SIR BRIDGE

Bridge starts at 9AM preceding the monthly meeting. Dick Andersen is substituting for Dave Palmer for the months of February and March. Please contact Dick to reserve a seat at a bridge table.

Dick Andersen 478-3753 or Email Dick at whalelady@comcast.net

Sunshine & Memorials:

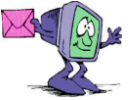
Rich Mayo is our chairman for this committee; however, Rich is on a temporary leave of absence. So if you are aware of a member who has a serious illness or whose family has experienced some tragic circumstances, please call John Mendonca who is substituting for Rich. John's phone # is 477-0743.



9 Hole Golf

The 9 hole golf group plays every Tuesday at Swenson Executive Course. Players should arrive by **8:30 a.m.** to get their tee times. In the winter months we play on an informal basis. Come and join us. John Mendonca
Any questions, call me at 477-0743 or johnmendonca@yahoo.com

SWITCHING TO E-MAIL



Sending out bulletins via Snail-mail (USPS) is time consuming and expensive. If you have a computer and are now receiving your bulletin thru the mail, please consider switching to E-mail. Simply contact Jack Lamberty and we'll take care of the rest. Thank you. **Remember – E-mail is in color!!**

Jack Lamberty 451-1165 JackL68734@aol.com



WELCOME OUR NEW STARS

New members to Branch 46 are easy to recognize. They have a star on their badge. When you see a star on a SIR's nametag, make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them to Branch 46. **We suggest you also send a welcoming E-mail to the new member.**

Important Dates for Branch 46

March 2017

Branch Functions are in Red

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- Mar 9 National "Get Over It!" Day
- Mar 12 Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 13 **BEC Meeting**
- Mar 14 National Pi Day. Why?
Because today is 3.14, the value of Pi.
(Actually, Pi = 3.1415926535897..etc)
- Mar 15 Ides of March
- Mar 16 **Branch Luncheon**
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 Spring Begins!!
- Mar 24 **Last Day for Bulletin Input**
- Mar 30 I am in Control Day (Good Luck!)

ROSTER CORRECTIONS/ ADDITIONS

Please correct last month's Roster addition for Chuck Argus as shown

ARGUS, "Chuck" (#21) (Molly) (09-07)
 3191 Autumn Chase Circle BD Aug 15
 Stockton, 95219 477-5214

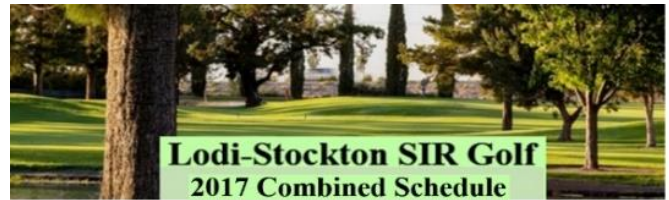
chuck.argus@sbcglobal.net

Banker/Owner Pak Mail//woodworking, Golf

CHICAGO, FRANK: Frank's E-mail address is ficmajor@gmail.com. Also, Frank has moved from Inactive to Active. His Roster information is in the Inactive section of the Roster.

IN MEMORIAM

Although no SIRs from Branch 46 have passed away in the past two months, we would like to mention that a cash donation has been made in the memory of Lonnie Stone, a long time member of the branch. Lonnie passed away in December of last year. The donor prefers to remain anonymous.



Note For the complete 2017 schedule, visit the branch website: <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

Upcoming tournaments

March 15 La Contenta 2 Man Scramble host Bill Rutherford 916 (776-9222)

March 31 Swenson 4 Man Scramble host Gary Calhoon 209 (474-6448)

April 12 Elkhorn 2 man Best Ball host Bill Rutherford



MARCH Speaker

The speaker for the March luncheon will be Mr. Greg Furey from the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Furey was originally scheduled to speak at our January luncheon which did not take place due to a power outage. Mr. Furey's background was presented in the January edition of the bulletin. He currently is working in the Juvenile Division focusing on gangs and guns.



BRANCH 46 WEBSITE <http://branch46.sirinc2.org>

Remember, to access the website, just use the CTRL, click feature on the above link. If you can't do that, here's a couple of other ways.

WEBSITE 101

(1) **Do it from your browser.** That's the program you use when you want to send, read, or write E-mail. Just bring up your E-mail program, then type in the above address (the one starting with http) and then hit the "enter" key on your keyboard. Voila! If you get the Port photos above, you're there.

(2) **Log on to the State website.** Same method as #1 above only type in <http://www.sininc.org> and then hit the "enter" key. This brings up the State main page with all the pictures of happy men. Scroll down and click on Branch Websites, then click on Branch46 Stockton. And voila again!

And here's a time-saving method for future logons. Once you're on the website, be sure your arrow is on the main page and then right click. A list of things you can do will come up. Click on "Create shortcut". It will ask if you want the shortcut on your desktop. Tell them yes and voila!(#3), there's now an icon on your desktop you can click on to get to the website. It might be labeled with something starting with "http". Just click on this icon (one or two times) and up comes the website. You can also change the icon title by right clicking on it and then clicking on "Rename" from the list that comes up. (No charge for this)

Neat stuff on the website – Just click on one of the links listed across the top of the Port photo.

- | <u>Link</u> | <u>Features not in Bulletin</u> |
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| Officers | <u>Up to date</u> listing of 2017 Officers, Directors, and Chairmen, |
| Announcements | All future speakers (when available). |
| Golf | Complete yearly schedule (always updated) remains throughout the year. |
| Bridge | Complete set of latest Couples Bridge Luncheon photos and scores. |
| Computer | Latest Computer Newsletter. This newsletter is provided to us at no cost by Bill Bromiley from Branch 1. It contains easy to read articles on the latest technology, what Silicon Valley is up to, latest government tech programs, etc. |
| Travel | Usually 2-3 pages of latest travel opportunities from State. |
| Bulletins | Bring up <u>any</u> Branch 46 bulletin between 2012 and latest for 2017. Over 60 bulletins. |
| Photos | <u>Complete</u> sets of photos from Romeo, June Picnic, and Christmas Luncheon. Space limitations permit between 4-6 photos on our bulletin. However, all photos that are fit to print are included on our website, and these photos generally remain for for 2-3 months following the event. |

Note: Bulletins accessed through the website will not have the back page with all the names and phone numbers.

The Computer link on the main website page features the March edition of Bill Bromiley's Computer Newsletter. There are a couple of interesting write-ups in the edition. The first is a write up on what is called "Cloud Storage". As an example, if you use a bank website to check your account, then your personal financial data is stored in the bank's website. This is called Cloud Storage. The question is how safe is this data? According to the article, it is probably safer than data stored on your personal computer. Some of the world's best computer scientists are on the job to protect cloud storage systems from hackers. The second article informs you as to how to tell if an E-mail is real – that is, did it really come from your bank saying your account is overdrawn? And by the way, please send your account number. This is called "phishing" and is one of many ways to get personal information. Finally, if you would like to have something posted on the web concerning Branch 46, please contact Jack Lamberty 451-1165 or Email at JackL68734@aol.com.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

SIRS BRANCH 46MEMBERSHIP CHAIR .. RON KOROCK

**OUR 2017 BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GO TO
THE FOLLOWING SIRS ...**

Jim Fenelon	Marty Kjelson	Lou Thanas
Jim Harris	Ken Dunham	Dave Derksen
Howard Stokes	Rudy Blanco	Ernest Ito
Duke Wilkinson	Craig Potter	Ryan LaBrie
	Gilbert Elias	

OUR BEST WISHES TO ...

Mary & Dennis Fultz	Married March 17, 2008
Holly & Drew Meyers	Married March 10, 1973

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE MARRIED 50 OR MORE YEARS....

Margaret & Norio Kawai	Married March 23, 1967
Betty & John Mendonca	Married March 1, 1959

VERY SPECIAL WISHES TO THE DUNHAMS, 62 YEARS....

Lillian & Ken Dunham Married March 3, 1955

Active Members 98, Inactive Members 10 February Attendance : 57 = 58%

February Luncheon Happenings

The speaker for the February Luncheon was Michael "Mike" Amman who is the President and CEO of the San Joaquin Partnership. Mike gave an excellent presentation on the current and future economic picture for Stockton and San Joaquin County. The focus of the Partnership is business attraction into San Joaquin County and its seven incorporated cities of Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, Lathrop, Tracy, Ripon, and Escalon. Mike pointed out that San Joaquin County is a prime location for new businesses due to the availability of affordable housing and also its established shipping capability including the Port of Stockton, two major railroads, two major highways, and the Stockton airport. The airport alone is a recognized prime location for shipping cargo throughout Northern California and also is one of eight locations in the U.S. where the Amazon Prime Air Boeing 767s operate.



Mike pointed out that there are over 70,000 workers currently commuting from San Joaquin County to Silicon Valley. Transportation methods include the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) railroad, automobile, carpooling, and special busses provided by various Silicon Valley companies. He noted that approximately 7000 commuters daily use ACE. Because of this, the Greater Silicon Valley economic development program was created. The program's main goal is to assist expanding Silicon Valley companies to consider locating to a lower cost business and housing environment and reduce or eliminate their employee commute from San Joaquin county. Technical companies and company distribution centers that have already located in Greater Silicon Valley are Amazon's E-FullFillment Center, Smuckers, Tesla's advanced CNC manufacturing division, and Electronic Vehicles International (EVI).

COUPLES BRIDGE

SIR couples get together twice a month at each other's homes to play Contract Bridge over a 5-month period. There currently are sixteen couples divided into two sections of 8 each. These five-month sessions are followed by a bridge luncheon, usually in January and July, where awards (\$) are given out to the winners from the previous session followed by a post-luncheon bridge tournament involving all couples. The luncheon for the fall session was held at U.J.'s on January 26. Results and photos follow.

Couples Bridge at UJ's, January 26, 2017

Photos by Dave Derksen

Section "A" High Scores for the Money

Frank & Velda Rubino..... 24440
Jack & Alice Lamberty.....20850
Lee & Darlene Talbott.....20640
Duke & Suzy Wilkinson.....19820

Section "B" High Scores for the Money

Larry Smith/Ruth Strombom.....25250
Mike & Anita Martin.....21850
Dave Derksen/Sally Adler.....21310
Bill & Donna Halboth.....19880



Post Luncheon Winners

Suzy Wilkinson, Ethan Ives
Duke Wilkison, Lee Talbott

Post-Luncheon

Winners

Lee Talbott
Duke Wilkinson
Ethan Ives
Suzy Wilkinson



ROMEO -1 TSING TAO RESTAURANT

FEBRUARY 22, 2017

Photos by Dave Derksen



SIR Travel Opportunities 2017/12 Note: If you decide to book one of these trips or

cruises, please go through the branch Travel Chairman shown in the listing. He has spent a great deal of time and effort setting up these opportunities for SIR members, and you will be able to socialize with a group of your fellow Sirs

Mar 6-12, 2017: Spring Training and Southwest Adventure. Fly to Phoenix and enjoy 2 spring training games and visit the Desert Botanical Gardens and Frank Lloyd Wrights Tallesin West. Day 4 travel from Scottsdale to Sedona and tour Sedona and the Grand Canyon area. Tour includes home pick up and RT airport transfers, professional guide, 6 nights accommodations, admission fees, baggage handling for one suitcase and all taxes. Cost \$2495 Brian Serpa, Br.141, 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.



May 10-25, 2017: 100th Birthday of JFK on Cape Cod. Tour highlights include JFK Presidential Library, tour of Hyannis, JFK Museum, Hyannis Harbor cruise, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Whale watching cruise and tour of Nantucket. Cost \$2395.00 includes RT airfare, deluxe motor coach, 8 meals, tours and 5 night accommodations. John Pletsch Br.32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

June 11-17, 2017: Southern Charm. A 7 day trip to the south visiting Charleston, South Carolina, Savannah, Georgia, Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island and St Augustine. Cost of \$2989 includes 9 meals and 3 dinners, Cancellation Waiver insurance, RT airfare, all taxes, fees and hotel transfers. Bill Britton, Br 101/121 925-443-9913

June 17-25, 2017: The Colorado Rockies. 9 day escorted tour including Denver, Rocky Mt. Natl Park, Grand Junction, Arches Natl Park, Canyonlands Natl Park, Colorado Natl. Monument, Durango & Silverton Narrow gauge railway, Garden of the Gods, Mesa Verde Natl Park, Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Cost \$3159. Including air taxes & fees RT air, hotel transfers and gratuities. Bill Rodman, San Jose, Br.38, 408-274-4521 or Alan Patmore, 408-867-4197.



June 19-25, 2017: Yellowstone Wildlife Safari. 7 day land trip to Yellowstone Park with over sixty species of mammals, untamed landscapes and geothermal features. You will visit West Yellowstone, Old Faithful, Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, Yellowstone Wildlife Safari, Grand Teton National Park, Salat Lake City and Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Tour cost is \$2795 which includes Professional Guide, Hotel Accommodations, Meals, RT air, transportation on the tour, all taxes and gratuities. Tom Duncanson Br 20, 831-662-8605.



July 3-15, 2017: Alaska Yukon Land & Sea. 7 night land tour of upper Alaska and Yukon Territory. Followed By 4 night cruise through the Inside Passage on Holland America M/S Nieuw Amsterdam. Tour features include Anchorage, Domed Rail Cars, Tundra Tour to Denali, Fairbanks, Klondike Spirit Paddle -wheeler Cruise, Dawson City, Cruise includes Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Vancouver. Cost range from \$5150 to \$5895. Mike Console, Br. 54, San Jose, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

July 20-Aug 5, 2017: Ring of Kerry Land Tour & Princess Cruise. 4 day land tour of Ireland and 12 days Princess cruise around the British Isles visiting 10 ports, including France. Trip includes beverage package worth \$676.20 if you sign up by Aug 20 for a balcony or mini suite. Prices range from \$4999 to \$6299 not including airfare. Tom Molinari, Br 147, Petaluma, 707-762-1880. Sold out, Standby only.



Aug 14-22, 2014: US & Canadian National Parks. Explore 7 spectacular including Glacier National Park, Banff National Park, Kootenay National Park, Waterton National Park. You'll also visit Lake Louise, Emerald Lake, Silverado Silver Mine, and Spokane. Cost of \$3250 includes RT Air, Tour Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Taxes and Gratuities. Tom Duncanson, Br.20, 831-662-8605.

Aug 14-18, 2017: Ashland, Shakespeare Festival. 5 day tour featuring the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Jacksonville Belle Fiore Winery, Harry & David's Dinner Cabaret Show, Country Village, and Kitchens of Harry and David before returning to Ashland for a visit the Oregon Cabaret Theatre. Cost of \$1450 includes Deluxe Motorcoach, 4 nights lodging, 9 meals, 3 performances and Tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521.



Sep 6-19, 2017: Atlantic Isles Cruise. This 13 day luxury cruise aboard the Crystal Symphony begins and ends in Lisbon, Portugal, with several exotic ports of call in the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, and Morocco. Crystal distinguishes itself from other cruise lines by offering the very best in service, food, entertainment and cultural programs. All beverages are included. Prices start at \$8095 and include deluxe stateroom, \$250 shipboard credit, RT Air, all gratuities, port charges and transfers in SF. Larry Martinson, Br. 114, San Jose, 408-238-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

Sep 7-20, 2017: Prague, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. This itinerary offers sights that will delight your senses. Highlights include: Prague, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Hitler's Eagles Nest, Oberammergau, Kleine Scheidegg, Black Forest, Rudesheim and the Rhine River Cruise. The deluxe tour RT Air, most meals, accommodations, tour manager, admission to all activities, luggage handling, and all taxes. Cost \$5495 including air. Lee Suess, Br 96, Jackson, 209-296-2235.



Sep 10-23, 2017: Southern Italy & Sicily. A 14 day trip touring Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Giardini, Naxos, Taormina, Catania, Matera, Alberobello, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Pompeii. The cost of \$4,849 pp includes Cancellation Insurance, RT airfare, all taxes, fees and surcharges. Bill Britton, Br 101/121, 925-443-9913

Sep 28-Oct 6, 2017: Norman Rockwell New England. Tour through the backroads of the Berkshire and Adirondack Mountains as you admire the fall foliage and visit the life memories of Norman Rockwell. The tour includes Boston City Tour then ferry cross Lake Champlain to Burlington VT and into the Green Mountains. Then cross the Connecticut River in New Hampshire into the coastal town of York Beach, Maine. Price is \$3385, John Pletsch, Br 32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080 or Tom Duncanson Br. 20, 831-662-8605.

Nov 9-20, 2017: Florida's Sunshine Trail. This 12day trip spotlights Florida's top attractions including Orlando, St Augustine, Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center, West Palm Beach, Key West and Miami. Air Boat experience through the Everglades, Naples, and Fort Myers. Cost \$4250, Mike Console, Br32, San Jose, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.



Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at bobnjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed